

May 12, 2006

Dean Logan  
King County Records, Elections, and Licensing Services  
500 4th Avenue  
Room 553  
Seattle, WA 98104-3280

Dear Director Logan,

Enclosed are copies of absentee ballot envelopes showing that two ballots were cast in the name of Alfred T. Birnbaum in the 2004 General Election. One of these ballots was evidently cast by an unknown person who forged Mr. Birnbaum's signature. The following is a summary of registration information and the dates that the votes were cast:

Name	DoB	Address	Reg No	Reg Date	Date Voted
Birngaum, Alfred T	08/31/1955	1501 E Spring St Apt 5 Seattle 98122 (Mailing Address Central Toriizaka #401)	990596715	06/18/2004	11/01/04
Birnbaum, Alfred T	08/31/1955	1501 E Spring St Apt 5 Seattle 98122 (Mailing Address 5-11-28 Roppogi, Central Toriizaka 401, Tokyo)	990620656	07/21/2004	10/15/04

It is apparent that this dual registration resulted from an error when entering the registrants last name ("Birngaum" versus "Birnbaum").

Mr. Birnbaum is a widely published translator of Japanese literature who resides in Japan. The ballot envelope declaration signed on 10/15/04 was mailed from Japan and has a signature that matches his registration signature. The envelope declaration signed on 11/01/04 does not match the corresponding registration signature and is an obvious forgery resulting in a fraudulent vote.

RCW 29A.84.680 provides that "A person who willfully violates any provision of chapter 29A.40 RCW regarding the assertion or declaration of qualifications to receive or cast an absentee ballot or unlawfully casts a vote by absentee ballot is guilty of a class C felony punishable under RCW 9A.20.021".

RCW 9A.60.020 provides that "A person is guilty of forgery if, with intent to injure or defraud: (a) He falsely makes, completes, or alters a written instrument or; (b) He possesses, utters, offers, disposes of, or puts off as true a written instrument which he knows to be forged". Forgery is also a class C felony.

I am forwarding this information to you for your action since the county auditor has the responsibility to report suspicions of voting fraud to the office of the prosecuting attorney. RCW 29A.84.010.

Forgery and voting fraud are very serious crimes. I trust that you and Prosecutor Maleng will initiate further investigation by law enforcement agencies and pursue prosecution to set the example for other persons who are tempted to cast another person's ballot.

I would greatly appreciate your keeping me informed of follow-up actions.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Edelman  
29871 232<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE  
Black Diamond, WA 98010  
(360) 886-7166

cc: Norm Maleng, King County Prosecutor  
Sam Reed, Washington Secretary of State

Enclosure

**NOTICE:** This voted Ballot MUST be returned or postmarked by election day to be counted.

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**OATH OF VOTER**

I do solemnly swear, or affirm, under penalty of law that I am a legal resident of the state of Washington entitled to vote in this election. I have not voted another ballot, and I understand that any person attempting to vote when he or she is not entitled or who falsely signs this affidavit shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment of not more than five years or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or both such fine and imprisonment.

**SIGN**  
**HERE X** \_\_\_\_\_ 15 OCT 2004  
Signature of Voter Date Signed

A Power of Attorney signature is not valid in Washington State for the purpose of voting.

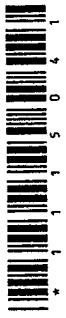
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Witness 2  
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Date

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ALFRED T BIRNBAUM  
1501 E SPRING ST # 5  
SEATTLE WA 98122

Fuller 04/11/2006 RCOE JB  
Bates # RB 3328 Box # 122

ALFRED BIRNBAUM

5-11-28 ZOPPONGI, CENTRAL TORIIBAKA 401

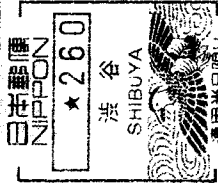
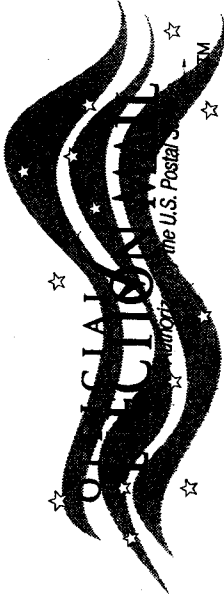
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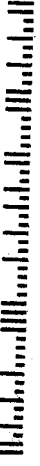
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SEATTLE WA 98104-2318**  
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**HERE X** *Alfred Simben* 11/1/04  
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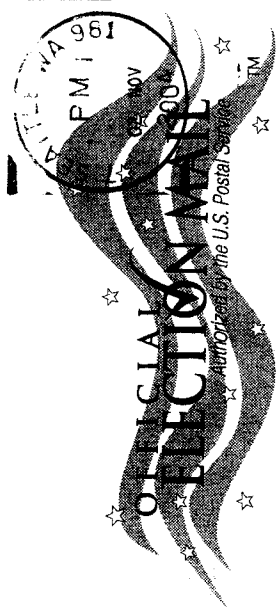
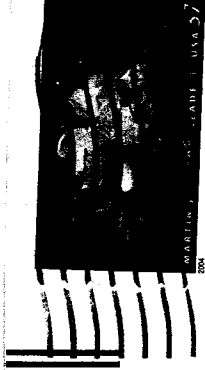
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